

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for restraining movement of a valve embedded in the ground, comprising:

an anchor for securement to the valve and including an anchor body for disposition in the ground and having no more than a pair of plates spaced from one another and extending generally vertically in discrete planes ~~non-parallel to one another~~ and which planes, when extended, intersect one another along a generally vertical line wherein said planes and said plates lying in said planes are oriented about 90° relative to one another, with said vertical line lying within said anchor body; and

a connecting member carried by said anchor body connecting said plates to one another, said connecting member and said plates defining a lateral opening for receiving and engaging the valve to substantially minimize or eliminate rotational movement of the valve relative to the anchor in response to a torque applied to the valve to open or close the valve, wherein said lateral opening is defined by a plurality of angularly related flats extending between upper edges of said plates, said connecting member including an arm having a first flat of said plurality of flats in generally horizontal registration with a second flat of said plurality of flats, said first and second flats lying diametrically opposite one another and to one side of said vertical line, said first flat parallel to one of said pair of plate and said second flat parallel to said first flat and perpendicular to the other of said pair of plates.

2. (Original) Apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said connecting member lies to one side of the vertical line.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) Apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said anchor has a center of support against vertical movement laterally offset from the vertical line.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said connecting member includes a reinforcing plate extending generally horizontally between said vertically extending plates.

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) Apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said plates each have a height to width ratio of at least 2:1.

12. (Currently Amended) An in ground irrigation system, comprising:

a valve having a central vertical axis and threaded onto a pipe about said vertical axis, said valve including a valve body having a plurality of flats about said axis;

an anchor for securement to said valve and including an anchor body disposed in the ground and extending at least partially about said valve, said anchor body including no more than two plates spaced from one another and extending generally vertically in discrete planes non parallel to one another and which planes, when extended, intersect one another along a generally vertical line laterally offset from said axis; and

a connecting member carried by said anchor body connecting said plates to one another, said connecting member and said plates defining a lateral opening for receiving and engaging said valve, said anchor body including a recess having lateral opening defined by a plurality of angularly related flats facing inwardly towards and engaging the flats of said valve body to substantially preclude rotation of the valve relative to the anchor body in response to a torque

applied to the valve to open or close the valve, wherein said connecting member including an arm having a first flat of said plurality of anchor body flats lying in generally horizontal registration with a second flat of said plurality of anchor body flats, said first and second anchor body flats lying diametrically opposite one another and to one side of said vertical line and on opposite sides of said lateral opening, said first flat parallel to said first plate and said second flat perpendicular to said second plate.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Apparatus~~ A system according to Claim 12 wherein said connecting member lies to one side of the vertical line.

14. (Original) A system according to Claim 12 wherein said planes and said plates lying in said planes are oriented about 90° relative to one another.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Apparatus~~ A system according to Claim 12 wherein said anchor has a center of support against vertical movement, said center of support lying laterally offset from the vertical line and closely spaced to or coincident with the vertical axis.

16-20. (Canceled)